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	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Prague . . .	17	1	0	79	24	35
Corrimal . .	13	3	4	51	35	29
APIA . . .	11	4	3	49	26	26
Hakoah . . .	9	4	5	33	24	22
Syd.-Aus. . .	8	5	6	33	33	21
G'ville-Ryde	6	7	4	34	22	19
Canterbury .	9	1	9	43	35	19
Granville . .	5	7	8	47	45	17
Auburn . . .	7	3	8	50	49	17
North Side .	5	6	8	30	40	16
Budapest . .	7	3	10	48	65	17
Balgownie .	4	4	11	33	48	12
Bankstown .	3	2	14	29	69	8
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LEADING SYDNEY CLUB EXPELLED BY FEDERATION

Gladesville-Ryde Refuses to Play Prague – Outed!

Leading First Division Club Gladesville-Ryde was expelled last week from the New South Wales Federation of Soccer Clubs.

The club had advised the Federation that it would not take the field against Prague last Saturday to play the match which had been adandoned the week before after the referee had ruled that the water-logged pitch was unplayable.

Gladesville - Ryde claimed that under constitutional rule of the Federation. a deferred match could only be played when both clubs concerned decided on a venue, and stated that, as far as Gladesville-Ryde was concerned, last Saturday was not a suitable date.

SPECIAL MEETING

The Federation called a special meeting of the Management Committee, which met at Arlington Oval while the Canterbury - Budapest match was in progress.

Only one delegate—Second Division member Mr. J. Patterson—was absent from the meeting which took only 35 minutes to reach its decision for expulsion of Gladesville-Ryde.

After the meeting, Mr. Andy Burton, President of the Federation, released this statement:

"The Management Committee has resolved unanimously that the affiliation of the Gladesville-Ryde Club with the New South Wales Federation of Soccer Clubs be withdrawn. Any request for re-admittance to the Federation by the Gladesville-Ryde Club will be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting."

PRAGUE TAKES FIELD

At the scheduled time for the match, Prague took the field at the E. S. Marks Oval. Referee George Gatt blew the whistle for the kick-off, then everybody left the field.

It was estimated that the decision of Gladesville-Ryde not to play cost Prague a home "gate" of £700.

Gladesville-Ryde may be hard hit by the expulsion order. The club had just imported former English First Division inside-left John Brown, late of Luton Town, from New Zealand, and are awaiting the arrival of another player from Scotland.

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TIME HAS COME FOR DRASTIC ACTION

A quick glance at the news from all sources indicates that Councils, Disciplinary Committees, and League Management Committees must act to rid the soccer code of the rabble that is infiltrating our sport camouflaged as clubs, players, and supporters.

Read—and think!

PERTH, August 2 (from the "Age"): Two spectators were arrested after a soccer match at Bayswater Oval, near Perth, yesterday when a linesman was knocked out and police were threatened.

A melee broke out on the field and spectators joined in.

Later the referee and his two linesmen were escorted off the field but, despite police protection, one linesman was struck and fell unconscious.

YALLOURN, August 1 (from referee's report): Player Stoep of Yallourn had just scored, and I saw this player spit into Stoep's face. When I sent this offender off, another player ran up and used foul and abusive language to me. I sent this player off also. Then an official of the club entered the field and told his players to leave. This was 16 minutes before time.

LIVERPOOL, N.S.W., August 2 (from the "Age"): Another soccer match ended in a riot here yesterday. The game was abandoned 7 minutes before full time, when 150 angry spectators stormed the field.

HOBART, July 17 (from Tasmanian Soccer Council): Player G. de Ruiter was suspended for life on June 25 for striking a referee.

MELBOURNE, August 1 (from referee's report): Several players ran to me shouting and threatening. As I turned to take the names of offenders, brawls broke out all over the ground. I had no alternative but to abandon the game.

We could fill pages with this sort of sickening thing every week. It must be stopped, and the perpetrators driven out of the game.

The first moves must come from Disciplinary or League Management Committees in every State. They know the sources of much of the trouble. If they have sufficient reason to do so, they should place the necessary evidence before their respective Councils with recommendations that the trouble-making clubs be expelled.

There are prominent administrators in our Associations who, with the best of intentions, welcome more and more "clubs" into the game.

There is one possible weakness in this policy—it substitutes quantity for quality.

If we are to enjoy an orderly, well-administered sport, steps to clean up the code must be taken NOW!

THE ANSWER IS "YES"!

A few weeks ago we printed a picture of ANGUS DRENNAN on the cover of "Soccer News" and captioned it with the question: "Can he help Box Hill?" Since then, Box Hill beat J.U.S.T. and drew with Slavia. We think the answer to our question is "Yes."

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MATT BUSBY, manager of MANCHESTER UNITED, has recently been on holiday in Italy. It is reported that while he was there, he received a fabulous offer to take over the management of JUVENTUS, the leading Italian top division team. It would take an awful lot to get Matt away from United, though. First of all, his heart is there. Secondly, it is understood that he earns over £5,000 as manager of United.

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JAN VOGEL, a 14-year-old AMSTERDAM boy, has a complete record of every overseas team which has toured HOLLAND during the past 20 years. Part of the records were handed down to him by his father, of course. It is said that Jan's knowledge of foreign teams—foreign to Holland, that is—is staggering. And he can talk about visiting players, their styles and techniques, like a veteran.

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WALTER WINTERBOTTOM, England team manager, reckons that his team will have to be better, fitter, and faster to achieve success in future overseas tours. Speaking of the South American tour, Winterbottom said that, on the type of pitch found there, the ball-play of the home players was more effective than that of the English visitors.

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Herr ALBERT DUSCH of GERMANY has been voted one of Europe's outstanding referees this season.

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Ever since ARSENAL toured ITALY in May, Italian soccer experts have been raving about JIMMY BLOOMFIELD, Arsenal's young inside-left. They claim he's in the PELE class!

Mention of PELE reminds us that family trouble has come between him and his trip to Spain to play for REAL MADRID. He insists that the club move his family to Spain, too. When the club found out that, in addition to his mother and father, there are brothers, sisters, an uncle, a grandmother, and a grandfather, the club jacked up on the deal.

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JIMMY McINERNEY, star wing-half of SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY, may join PORTSMOUTH for a fat fee. Part of POMPEY'S plan for a quick return to Division 1 ?

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Stars of the Dutch team which was defeated by the odd goal recently were the goalkeeper FRANZ de MUNCK and inside-forward KEES RIJVERS. That's not surprising, really. de Munck recently returned from COLOGNE where he was an idol of the GERMAN fans, and Rijvers was classed as the No. 1 player in FRANCE two years ago.

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Former HEARTS captain and full-back BOBBY PARKER may join the Board of Directors of TYNECASTLE. He has received an invitation from that Board to do so.

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It is reported that BARCELONA Football Club is willing to pay a mighty fee for JOE BAKER, England's Under 23 centre-forward. Joe is one of Britain's most prolific scorers. He plays for HIBERNIAN, and is only 19 years old.

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REAL MADRID will make a short tour of Latin America, where they will play two games in Mexico and one in Columbia. They have been guaranteed £14,000 sterling for each game, plus hotel and travel expenses.

MANCHESTER UNITED have signed SCOTTISH schoolboy star MICHAEL LORIMER. Is Matt working on a new generation of BUSBY'S BABES?

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Britain's brightest schoolboy star is 15-year-old BILLY HENDERSON, who was an international last year. Billy, a product of CALDERCRUIX Junior Secondary School in GLASGOW, could sign for practically any club in Britain if he wanted to—but at the moment he is concentrating on his studies.

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PRAGUE INVITED TO TOUR OVERSEAS

Soccer competition leaders Prague have been invited to make a short tour of Central America.

The invitation has been sent by the Costa Rican Soccer Federation president, Dr. R. V. Riviera, to Prague manager Mr. Fred Raymond.

Dr. Riviera was in Australia with the Costa Rican club Deportivo Saprissa in May.

In his letter, Dr. Riviera said he would be able to arrange for Prague to play in several Central American countries.

The tour is conditional on the F.I.F.A. ban on Leopold Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandl, Andreas Saghi, and Erich Schwarz being lifted.

These players have been suspended for playing with Prague without a clearance from Vienna club F.K. Austria.

Mr. Raymond said last night that, in his opinion, Prague would accept the invitation and probably make the tour at the end of next season.

The offer has yet to be discussed by Prague's management committee. If Prague accepts, the Australian Soccer Association must give its approval.

The tour would last about five weeks.

Invitations have also been received for Prague to play in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Singapore. The management committee has yet to discuss them.

Prague is unbeaten in premiership matches this year.

OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, August 8—
Hakoah v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 9—
Slavia v. Juventus.

Saturday, August 15—
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.

Sunday, August 16—
Juventus v. George Cross.

Saturday, August 22—
George Cross v. Polonia.

Sunday, August 23—
Sunday International Matches.

Saturday, August 29—
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.

Sunday, August 30—
Sunday International Matches.

NEW AUSTRIAN STAR

Prague's new Austrian star left-winger, Herbert Ninaus, has arrived in Sydney and will appear this week.

Ninaus represented Austria in the World Cup last year.

Sydney Clubs Fight New System

A number of clubs in Sydney are trying to upset the promotion and relegation plan, adopted before the beginning of this season, which was designed to reduce the First Division from its present 14 clubs to 12.

The plan ruled that the three clubs lowest on the ladder at the end of the season would be relegated to the Second Division, and only one. the champion of the Second Division, would be promoted.

Those supporting recission of the plan say that the three clubs most likely to be relegated are old and much valued district clubs, of infinitely better standard of play and administration than any of the clubs in the race for promotion to the First Division.

Others point out that the clubs doomed to relegation under the plan support junior organisations that may be lost to the code if the parent clubs are demoted.

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STATE LEAGUE'S TOP FOUR SETTLED?

Polonia's Threat Comes Too Late

Analysis of the remaining five rounds of League fixtures indicates that the four leaders will finish in the same order in which they now appear on the ladder.

If this conclusion is correct, Wilhelmina is all set to win the League Championship.

A possible challenge could come from Juventus, but to by-pass Wilhelmina to get to the top, Juventus would have to beat the Dutchmen twice — a very tall order!

Judged by the remaining programme, George Cross and Hakoah should hold their present places and go on to play in the "Final Four" for the State League Cup.

Polonia came on to the scene too late, and now faces the hardest 5-match programme of all — Hakoah, Slavia, Wilhelmina, and George Cross twice.

If Polonia can be given a chance of winning all five of these engagements, the club can be given a chance of making the "four"—but five wins in a row against five of the leaders looks impossible from where we sit, in spite of Polonia's undeniable improvement.

Slavia has an easier programme than Polonia, but would also have to win five out of five to have a chance of making the "four." While that's not impossible, it's highly improbable.

J.U.S.T. has the easiest schedule of all, but is hopelessly out of the race.

Here are the remaining league fixtures, listed under the name of the team to which they apply. Checking against current ladder positions, work out the possibilities yourself.

WILHELMINA	JUVENTUS
Geelong	Slavia
Box Hill	George Cross
Juventus	Wilhelmina
Juventus	Wilhelmina
Polonia	Box Hill

GEO. CROSS	HAKOAH
Box Hill	Polonia
Juventus	Yarra Park
Polonia	Moreland
Polonia	Moreland
Yarra Park	Footscray

POLONIA	SLAVIA
Hakoah	Juventus
Slavia	Polonia
George Cross	Yarra Park
George Cross	Yarra Park
Wilhelmina	Moreland

MORELAND	J.U.S.T.
Footscray	Yarra Park
J.U.S.T.	Moreland
Hakoah	Footscray
Hakoah	Footscray
Slavia	Geelong

BOX HILL	GEELONG
George Cross	Wilhelmina
Wilhelmina	Footscray
Geelong	Box Hill
Geelong	Box Hill
Juventus	J.U.S.T.

FOOTSCRAY	YARRA PARK
Moreland	J.U.S.T.
Geelong	Hakoah
J.U.S.T.	Slavia
J.U.S.T.	Slavia
Hakoah	George Cross

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A new Junior Referees' Association will be formed in the near future. The Victorian Referees' Association will assist in every way possible. Any person over the age of 16 interested in joining the new Association are requested to contact J. P. Threlfall, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine, or Mr. Len. Young at Olympic Park (BM 5309). This new Association will provide neutral officials for Junior matches and your assistance is invited.

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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Polonia d. J.U.S.T., 2-0.
Juventus d. Hakoah, 1-0.
Box Hill drew with Slavia, 1-1.
Wilhelmina d. George Cross, 1-0.
Yarra Park drew with Footscray, 2-2.
Moreland d. Geelong, 2-0.

State League Reserves

No Matches.

DOCKERTY CUP

(THIRD ROUND)

Sunshine City d. Ferntree Gully, 2-1.
Dandenong d. Preston, 4-2.
Moorabbin d. Park Rangers, 2-1.
Melbourne d. Prahran, 10-4.
Croatia d. Sandringham, 2-0.
Moonee Ponds drew South Melbourne ††
Lions/Hayduk d. Essendon, 5-1.
Yallourn d. Oakleigh, 3-0.

ARMSTRONG CUP

(SECOND ROUND RE-PLAY)

Richmond d. Juventus, 5-3††

(THIRD ROUND)

Footscray d. Moreland, 1-0.
Polonia d. Geelong, 3-1.
Wilhelmina d. Box Hill, 4-1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Maccabbi d. Hellenic, 2-0.‡

Second Division

Fairfield d. I.C.I., 5-1.
Heidelberg drew with University, 2-2.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

No. Matches.

Second Division

Rosebud d. Croydon, 1-0.

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

Lions/Hayduk d. Coburg, 2-0.
Fiorentina d. Maccabi, walk-over.
Preston d. University, 7-1.
Sunshine City d. Sandringham, 4-0.

First Division South

Melbourne d. South Yarra, 5-0.
Brighton d. South Melbourne, walk-over.
Park Rangers d. Dandenong, walk-over.
Yallourn, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Norlane d. Makedonia, 2-0.
Olympia d. Hollandia, 4-0.
North Richmond d. Melita, 8-1.
Trident d. Yarraville, walk-over.

†† After extra time.
‡ Abandoned 42 minutes.

This Week

STATE LEAGUE
STATE LEAGUE RES.

J.U.S.T. v. Yarra Park.
Hakoah v. Polonia.
Slavia v. Juventus.
George Cross v. Box Hill.
Geelong v. Wilhelmina.
Footscray v. Moreland.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Preston v. Maccabi.
Sunshine City v. Corio.
Lions/Hayduk v. Hellenic.
Croatia v. Sicilia.
Coburg v. Brunswick.

Second Division.

Heidelberg v. Moonee Ponds.
Fairfield v. Williamstown.
Essendon v. St. Albans.
Collingwood v. University.
I.C.I. v. Fiorentina.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

Vic. Police v. South Yarra.
Park Rangers v. Richmond.
Brighton v. Melbourne.
South Melbourne v. Yallourn.
Dandenong v. Prahran.

Second Division.

Sandringham v. Rosebud.
Austria v. F.N.D.
Bayswater v. Croydon.
Ferntree Gully v. Frankston.
Moorabbin v. Oakleigh.

First Division Reserves.

(NORTH)

University v. Coburg.
Fiorentina v. Sandringham.
Hellenic v. Lions/Hayduk.
Frankston v. Preston.
Maccabi v. Sunshine City.

First Division Reserves.

SOUTH)

Richmond v. Park Rangers.
Melbourne v. Brighton.
Yallourn v. South Melbourne.
Prahran v. Dandenong.
South Yarra, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Bendigo v. Makedonia.
Olympia v. Norlane Olympia.
Hollandia v. Seymour.
North Richmond v. Trident.

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE
State League Reserves.

Moreland v. J.U.S.T.
Yarra Park v. Hakoah*
Polonia v. Slavia.
Juventus v. George Cross.
Box Hill v. Wilhelmina.
Footscray v. Geelong.
* Reserve Match Postponed.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

First Division.

Hellenic v. Sunshine City.
Corio v. Preston.
Coburg v. Croatia.
Sicilia v. Lions/Hayduk.
Brunswick v. Maccabi.

Second Division.

St. Albans v. Fairfield.
Williamstown v. Heidelberg.
I.C.I. v. Collingwood.
University v. Essendon.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

First Division.

Melbourne v. Park Rangers.
Richmond v. Vic. Police.
Yallourn v. Brighton.
Prahran v. South Yarra.

Second Division.

Croydon v. Austria.
F.N.D. v. Sandringham.
Moorabbin v. Ferntree Gully.
Frankston v. Bayswater.
Oakleigh v. Rosebud.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

Lions/Hayduk v. Fiorentina.
Sandringham v. University.
Maccabi v. Frankston.
Preston v. Hellenic.
Sunshine City v. Coburg.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

Park Rangers v. Melbourne.
South Melbourne v. Dandenong.
Brighton v. Yallourn.
South Yarra v. Prahran.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Norlane Olympia v. Melita.
North Richmond v. Hollandia.
Seymour v. Olympia.
Trident v. Makedonia.

DOCKERTY CUP

(THIRD ROUND RE-PLAY)

South Melbourne v. Moonee Ponds.

ARMSTRONG CUP

(THIRD ROUND)

Hakoah v. Richmond.

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	P.
Wilhelmina	17	13	2	2	73	30	28
Juventus	17	12	2	3	39	16	26
George Cross	17	11	3	3	43	21	25
Hakoah	17	11	2	4	38	25	24
Polonia	17	8	5	4	34	25	21
Slavia	17	9	3	5	35	27	21
Moreland	17	7	1	9	51	34	15
J.U.S.T.	17	5	4	8	34	37	14
Box Hill	17	5	2	10	18	43	12
Geelong	17	3	3	11	24	43	9
Footscray	17	0	5	12	24	64	5
Yarra Park	17	1	2	14	26	74	4

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions/Hayduk	12	9	1	2	38	9	19
Croatia	12	8	2	2	36	18	18
Preston	11	7	2	2	32	11	16
Sicilia	12	6	2	4	36	17	14
Sunshine City	12	6	0	6	29	24	12
Hellenic	13	5	1	7	25	28	11
Maccabi	13	5	1	7	26	38	11
Coburg	12	3	4	5	21	28	10
Corio	12	4	1	7	15	25	9
Brunswick	11	0	0	11	7	67	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Fiorentina	12	9	1	2	37	11	20
University	13	7	3	3	36	23	17
Moonee Ponds	11	8	0	3	32	16	16
Essendon	12	8	0	4	25	19	16
I.C.I.	13	4	2	7	28	40	10
Heidelberg	13	4	2	7	19	41	10
Fairfield	12	3	3	6	24	24	9
St. Albans	12	4	1	7	23	30	9
Williamstown	12	3	2	7	17	28	8
Collingwood	12	3	1	8	24	33	7

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Norlane Olymp.	13	8	3	2	39	22	19
North Richmond	12	7	4	1	49	17	18
Seymour	12	7	3	2	30	15	17
Olympia	13	8	1	4	33	18	17
Makedonia	13	7	2	4	26	17	16
Trident	12	6	3	3	27	22	15
Melita	13	4	2	7	25	35	10
Bendigo	10	2	3	5	21	28	7
Hollandia	13	2	0	11	26	46	4
Yarraville	13	0	1	12	3	59	1

* Yarraville withdrawn from League

TABLES COMPILED
by
STUART BEATON
Secretary-Manager
V.A.S.F.A.

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	12	11	1	0	79	18	23
Richmond	11	8	0	3	42	12	16
South Melbourne	12	8	0	4	34	18	16
Yallourn	12	8	0	4	45	28	16
Brighton	11	7	1	3	32	20	15
Dandenong	12	4	1	7	33	42	9
Prahran	12	3	1	8	18	46	7
South Yarra	12	3	0	9	19	45	6
Park Rangers	12	3	0	9	22	51	6
Vic. Police	12	1	2	9	15	59	4

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sandringham	12	10	2	0	32	19	22
Frankston	12	7	2	3	36	24	16
Oakleigh	12	5	2	4	24	15	16
Austria	12	6	2	4	44	33	14
Bayswater	12	4	3	5	28	28	11
F.N.D.	11	4	2	5	26	33	10
Rosebud	13	5	0	8	28	38	10
Moorabbin	12	3	3	6	25	38	9
Ferntree Gully	11	4	0	7	34	23	8
Croydon	13	2	0	11	23	49	4

HOW THEY STAND

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Wilhelmina	14	12	2	0	53	12	26
Hakoah	13	10	1	2	41	17	21
Geelong	14	8	1	5	32	20	17
Polonia	14	6	4	4	19	17	16
Juventus	13	7	1	5	30	18	15
Box Hill	13	7	1	5	35	25	15
Moreland	14	5	4	5	23	21	14
J.U.S.T.	13	6	1	6	34	27	13
George Cross	14	4	3	7	23	34	11
Footscray	14	4	1	9	16	35	9
Slavia	14	2	2	10	25	48	6
Yarra Park	14	0	1	13	3	60	1

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions/Hayduk	13	10	1	2	39	13	21
Sunshine City	13	10	1	2	32	16	21
Florentina	13	7	2	4	36	20	16
Preston	13	6	3	4	41	24	15
Maccabi	13	7	0	6	47	29	14
Frankston	12	6	2	4	34	23	14
Coburg	13	6	2	5	27	25	14
Hellenic	12	4	0	8	25	43	8
Sandringham	13	2	0	11	13	45	4
University	13	0	1	12	7	73	1

Result Hellenic v. Frankston not notified.

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	13	11	1	1	70	17	23
Richmond	12	9	2	1	42	18	20
Park Rangers	13	8	1	4	26	21	17
Dandenong	13	7	2	4	33	25	16
Brighton	13	7	1	5	28	23	15
Yallourn	13	5	4	4	33	33	14
South Melbourne	13	5	0	8	24	39	10
South Yarra	13	3	1	9	19	44	7
Prahran	12	3	0	9	14	69	6

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PRESTON FAILS IN THIRD CUP TEST

Croatia, Lions, and City Survive

Preston was the only Dockerty Cup challenger from FIRST NORTH to fail in last week's Third Round, losing to Dandenong 2-4.

Croatia inflicted Sandringham's first defeat of the season, 2-0, Lions were far too strong for Essendon in the latter stages of the match, winning 5-1, and Sunshine City survived by beating Ferntree Gully 2-1.

The clubs will return to league fixtures today, and although they are playing the "devil's round"—the 13th—no shocks are expected.

Preston should atone for its Cup defeat by beating Maccabi, and the Lions should account for the declining Hellenic.

Croatia may find Sicilia a stubborn opponent, but the team's Dockerty and World Cup wins last weekend point to another win here.

Cuburg should earn a breathing-spell from relegation worries by beating Brunswick.

If Sunshine City wants to remain on safe ground and avoid joining the fraternity of relegation candidates, it cannot take Corio lightly.

Bendigo's self-styled No. 1 supporter, Wally Clayton, is still buzzing "Soccer News" about that goal. He once wrote that "Bendigo's position demands nothing more than justice with honour." How can Wally claim a goal for Bendigo, with honour, when the referee admits that, figuratively speaking, he ordered the opposition to look the other way? And how can he quibble about the justice of a replay order that gives Bendigo another chance to get goals lawfully and honourably? Frankly, we don't think Bendigo would back Wally on this.

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

Preston Still Confident

Despite its loss to Dandenong in their Third Round tie, and the fact that they are trailing leader Lions by 3 points with a match in hand, Preston's officials and players are brimful of confidence that they will go on to win the pennant, the championship, and promotion. How's that for spirit?

STH. MELBOURNE IN SHOCK CUP DRAW

Melbourne Scores Runaway Win

Middle Park neighbours South Melbourne United and Park Rangers both fared badly in the Third Round of the Dockerty Cup.

United was forced to a scoreless draw and a replay by SECOND NORTH side Moonee Ponds, and Park Rangers were eliminated by SECOND SOUTH club Moorabbin.

Melbourne enjoyed an easy 10-4 win over Prahran, and Dandenong knocked out Preston 4-2.

Yallourn was leading Oakleigh 3-0 when Oakleigh's team walked off the field at 74 minutes.

A great deal of interest went out of the league when Melbourne fortified its position at the top by beating South Melbourne, but a lively situation exists at the bottom of the ladder.

Victoria Police could turn the stalemate into deadlock by beating South Yarra, and if Dandenong improves its position at the expense of Prahran, four relegation candidates would be within one point of each other.

The match worth watching today will be the one at Middle Park between South United and Yallourn—always a sparkler.

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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

Essendon Not Disgraced

Despite the 1-5 margin of their Dockerty Cup loss to Lions last week, impartial observers claim that Essendon was not disgraced. The young side matched their more experienced opponents in all positions during the first half, but were unable to hold their own against relentless attacks in the latter stages of the game. The great number of miraculous saves brought off by the "Dons" goalie Peter Suttie made the game a real thriller for the spectators.

ST. ALBANS WILL BE TESTED TODAY

Essendon Bids to Stay Near Top

St. Albans, improving but still in danger of relegation, could earn two valuable points if it can survive a searching test against Essendon today.

Fighting to stay with the leaders, Essendon will not relax for a single minute, and will go for the ball like a team of women at a bargain sale.

Every league has one or more teams who have neither the chance for promotion nor the threat of relegation to spur them on, with the exception of SECOND NORTH. Here, every point has especial value for every club in the league.

Of the 10 teams, four are in the promotional race, and six in the battle to avoid relegation. This makes every match a knock-out match, and tension is high.

Fiorentina cannot loaf with I.C.I., who defeated University two weeks ago. The same applies to Moonee Ponds in its game with Heidelberg, who took a point from University last week; but if Moonee Ponds maintains the form that earned a Cup draw with FIRST SOUTH side South Melbourne, it should win.

University should get back into the winners' circle after its match with Collingwood, and Fairfield could climb on to safe ground by beating Williamstown.

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MOORABBIN AGAIN IN CUP TRIUMPH

by DON SUTHERLAND

Last week's round of Dockerty Cup fixtures ended the hopes of all but Moorabbin City, who once again triumphed over a First Division side, on this occasion defeating Park Rangers 2-1.

Moorabbin's Cup performances indicate how much better their league position could have been had they adopted a similarly enthusiastic approach to their league games.

Sandringham City met defeat for the first time this season when they were downed 2-0 by Croatia. Timidity in front of goal led to the downfall of the Hammers, who will now be able to concentrate on consolidating their position at the head of the league table.

Ferntree Gully found Sunshine City too strong, while Oakleigh suffered their heaviest defeat of the season in going down to Yallourn by 3 goals to nil.

With the season two-thirds over, interest now centres on promotion and relegation prospects. League leaders, Sandringham City, look assured of a comfortable victory over Rosebud, who have failed to recover their early season form. Oakleigh, in 2nd place, will find Moorabbin difficult to beat. A draw resulted at their last encounter, and with Moorabbin's recent cup successes giving them added confidence, Oakleigh will be fully extended.

Frankston do not face an easy match at Ferntree Gully's awkward Brenock Park pitch, and will need to put up a good performance to register the win which is vital to their promotion hopes.

Austria should prove too good for F.N.D. and will be ready to take advantage of any lapse by either Oakleigh or Frankston.

Local rivalries will be well to the fore when Croydon travel to Bayswater but, in spite of Croydon's recent improvement. Bayswater should have little difficulty in recording another victory.

CUP DRAWS FOR NEXT ROUND

DOCKERTY CUP

FOURTH ROUND

To be played August 22.

South Melbourne or Moonee Ponds v. Croatia.

Moorabbin City v. Melbourne.

Lions-Hayduk v. Yallourn.

Dandenong City v. Sunshine City.

ARMSTRONG CUP

SEMI-FINALS

Date to be decided.

Footscray v. Polonia.

Hakoah or Richmond v. Wilhelmina.

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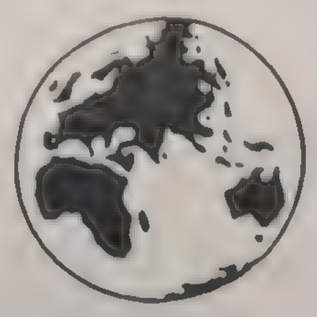

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FACTS and FLY-KICKS

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Wilhelmina's new junior teams had their match baptism last week. The Under 12's played league champion Olympia and held their own in the first half, 1-1, but eventually experience told and they lost 1-5. The Under 14's played Williamstown Hostel and showed that they had learned their lesson well. They beat Hostel 7-0. New Dutch star Kees Luyten scored four of his team's goals! Anybody else want friendlies with these little fellows? Ring Mr. Rubens at 746-8967.

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German-born players who wish to play for Germany in the Sunday World Cup competition may contact Mr. F. Schwab, telephone ML 9398. Germany is drawn to play the winner of the Italy-England replay.

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Lions will go social tonight (Saturday) at their hall at 248 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne, when they open the doors at 9 p.m. for their club dance. Have you ever seen a Lion dance?

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A lot of complimentary remarks were passed last Sunday about Juventus wing-half Griggs, who on that occasion was playing for England against Italy. We endorse the remarks, and congratulate Juventus on all three British acquisitions—Tomblyn, Oughton and Griggs.

★ ★ ★

Sandringham weren't downhearted after tasting their first defeat of the season in their Cup tie with Croatia last Saturday. That night at their club dance, over 100 of them went to town with everything from jive to hokie-pokie and had a whale of a time.

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Two players of the Provisional League's Makedonia Club, J. Mitrov and J. Nakic, were suspended for the balance of the season by the Disciplinary Committee last week. After the abandonment of the Olympia-Makedonia match, they followed the referee to a car and allegedly attempted to molest him.

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Jim Chesters of Heidelberg can top Alex Kerr's record of blood-giving. Noticing the par. on this page last week that told of Alex's 50th blood donation, Jim mentions that he made his 74th gift of fine red blood a fortnight ago, and suggests that the combined total of 124 donations could be a record for blood-giving by any two men in any sporting body.

NOTICE TO CLUBS

Clubs are reminded that all accounts are now due and payable to the Association, and must be finalised immediately.

It is important that SEPARATE CHEQUES be made out for SOCCER NEWS payments.

South Melbourne are anxious about the fact that, while their defence is sound, their attack leaves much to be desired. We can assure them that this is the case in 9 clubs out of 10, even in the State League. United is still looking for a centre-forward who can hit that ball, first time, right time, right place, and they'll try Johnny Gilliland as spearhead today against Yallourn.

★ ★ ★

Pat Stafford has made two sets of beautiful new monograms and presented them to his favourite team — Sandringham City. Rosebud will be the first to see the new monograms in action, today.

★ ★ ★

Tinus Delange, after playing five years with Norlane Olympia, has retired. He was one of the founders of the club, its top scorer, and a fair player and sportsman who has done a great deal for his club.

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A call has gone out for all members of Scotland's World Cup squad to report at Campbell Reserve, Moreland, on Sunday, August 16, for a trial game against Moreland.

★ ★ ★

When Fairfield's juniors heard that the senior team, called upon at rather short notice to play a league club against I.C.I. last week, were short of two players, they sent their best two to help out and fielded only nine players in their own fixture. That's club spirit for you!

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The Under 14 Cup Final, to be played as a curtain-raiser to Moreland v. J.U.S.T., between Sunshine City and Essendon, appears likely to be a game with a close finish. Sunshine City, after their surprise defeat of the Under 14 (South) premiers, St. Kilda, may win an exciting game although the "Dons" will contest every inch of the way.

ON THE BALL

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A Brief History of Soccer

by RUSSELL LEA

Soccer is perhaps the oldest sport in the world. In one form or another, it can be traced back to pre-Christian times, although one must use a little imagination to identify some of the earliest types of football with the game as we know it now.

Romans played a game which they called HARPASTUM at the time they invaded England.

The first recorded use of a leather ball has been traced to China, where it was used in a game called TSU-CHU. Here, too, we find the first use of a kind of net as a target.

THE FIRST NET

In the Chinese game, the goal consisted of two bamboo poles about 30 ft. high with a silken net slung between, and in the net was an opening about 12 inches in diameter. This hole was the target.

Teams consisted of five players a side, and each man took his turn in trying to kick the ball through the hole. It is understood that the captain of the winning team was usually feted and honoured by the Emperor. The losing captain, history suggests, got his head chopped off.

There are historical indications that a form of football was played in Japan fourteen centuries ago, and that a similar game, called CALCIO just as soccer is called in Italy today, was played in Florence a thousand years ago.

The similarity between these two games was that they were played in a suitable city square. Rival teams lined up in large numbers and tried by any means to kick, push, or hurl the ball through the space designated as their opponents' goal.

Both in Japan and Florence, the game usually ended in a general brawl.

BIRTH OF MODERN GAME

Inventors and foundation members of the modern game of soccer were British public-school boys, in the latter part of the 18th century.

In the early part of the 19th Century, fixed rules had not been formulated apart from the one which forbade anybody but the goalkeeper to touch the ball with his hands.

Fiction credits Tom Brown with being the first to pick up the ball and run with it, thus inventing Rugby.

The game spread through the public schools, but it was not until the middle of the century that clubs came into existence. The game lacked form or character, however, until the formation of the Football Association in 1863, when the first Laws of Association Football were introduced.

The game was popular in Sheffield, and the Sheffield Club proposed an inter-city match with London. The game took place on March 21, 1866, at Battersea Park, and is regarded as the first representative soccer match ever played.

The code spread to Scotland, and in 1867, the Queens Park Football Club was formed in Glasgow.

It was in that year that the Football Association resolved that "it is desirable that a Challenge Cup be established in connection with the Association for which all clubs should be invited to compete."

The clubs subscribed the £25 necessary to buy the Cup, and it was this competition that fertilised and accelerated the growing popularity of the sport.

It also led indirectly to the first "international" match between England and Scotland in 1872, played at Partick, Glasgow. The Queens Park Club arranged the match and supplied the Scottish team.

PRO. SOCCER ENTERS

As soccer became firmly entrenched as a major sport in Great Britain, professionalism crept into the game.

Intense rivalry induced clubs to seek out players who had no local attachments, and make them members. In 1884, many Scottish players joined English clubs, and there was little doubt that these players were being secretly paid.

After a great deal of argument about the desirability of a change, the Football Association eventually —in 1885—made payment to players legal, and thus professional soccer was born.

The professional group soon outranked the amateurs in the attraction of public attention, and, in 1888, the football league was formed. It comprised clubs with these famous names—Preston North End, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Aston Villa, Everton, Bolton Wanderers, West Bromwich Albion, Derby County, Notts County, Burnley, Stoke, Accrington, and Blackburn Rovers.

With the formation of the league, fixtures became regular, and a law bound the clubs against failure to meet their match commitments.

In 1890, a Scottish football league was formed in an attempt to stop players from crossing the border into England, enticed by money.

The first steps toward formation of this league were taken by Heart of Midlothian, Glasgow Rangers, and other legendary clubs.

The Queens Park Club, at that time the leading amateur club, declined to join the league, but, after holding out for ten years, they finally became affiliated.

(More Next Week).

PLAYED WELL FOR ITALY

REMO GUARDIANI, former Juventus player who now plays with Polonia, played well in helping Italy draw with England in last Sunday's World Cup thriller.

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THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

SEMI-FINAL—Under 14 Cup
Brighton v. Essendon

In a hard, fast game spoilt by a blistery wind, Essendon defeated Brighton 4-3 at Middle Park.

With the wind in the first half, Brighton took some time to settle down and Essendon, via McNeil, Peat and Rossetto, opened the scoring. Then excellent combined play by Pritchard and Hay, well supported by Bill Kilvert and Bihary, resulted in two goals to Brighton. Essendon again scored, this time through Rossetto and Ellis, but Brighton quickly replied after a well judged cross from Bill Kilvert. Half-time: Brighton 3, Essendon 2.

Brighton attacked within minutes of the resumption and, with Peter Kilvert and Slonim (Brighton right-back) giving tremendous drive, forced several corners. However, the packed Essendon defence held and eventually Rossetto, and then McNeil, broke clear to score one goal each.

Best players: Brighton—Hay and Pritchard; Essendon—Rossetto and Allsopp. Ashenhurst, Brighton goalkeeper, was replaced at half-time (injured).

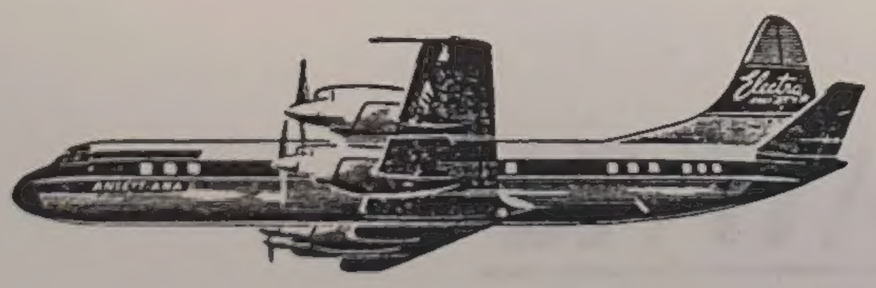
SEMI-FINAL—Under 14 Cup.
Sunshine City v. St. Kilda.

Played at Fawkner Park, this game provided the biggest surprise of the day, Sunshine City, with Docherty deputising for Keith Robertson in goal, settled down quickly and opened the scoring. During the first twenty minutes, City kept St. Kilda on the defensive. The Saints, the most fancied team for the Cup, gradually took command of the game and, following a fast attack down the middle, equalised. The remainder of the game was St. Kilda forwards versus the Sunshine City defence, but with Docherty in great form in goal for City, the Saints were kept at bay. A breakaway by the City forwards forced a corner, which was converted by a fine header. A hard and fiery game well controlled by popular South Yarra coach, Bill Hawes.

Next Saturday, August 15, a great match will be witnessed at Fairburn Park between Essendon and Sunshine City (Under 16—Northern Section). If Sunshine City can win the double, the premiership of this section will definitely be settled. However, if Essendon win, a slip in their last game of the season against a greatly improved South Yarra team could give the "Dons" the premiership of this section. An official referee, Mr. Brown, will officiate.

Moorabbin, in the Southern Section, must defeat Heidelberg to remain in the fight as Dandenong City should defeat Preston T.S.O.B. Bayswater v. Box Hill appears to be a close game with Bayswater probable winners.

Two postponed fixtures will be played in the Under 18 Section, Army Apprentices v. Coburg United and Preston T.S.O.B. v. Fairfield.



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UNDER 12
South Melbourne v. Brooklyn Hostel.
Olympia v. Sunshine City.
Essendon v. Broadmeadows Hostel.
Byes: Williamstown Hostel and Preston Hostel.

UNDER 16 (NORTH)
South Melbourne v. Ajax.
Essendon v. Sunshine City.
Byes: South Yarra and Wesley College.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH)
Moorabbin City v. Heidelberg.
Dandenong City v. Preston T.S.O.B.
Bayswater v. Box Hill.
Bye: Croydon.

UNDER 18
Army Apprentices v. Coburg United.
Preston T.S.O.B. v. Fairfield.

UNDER 14 CUP FINAL
(AT OLYMPIC PARK).
Essendon v. Sunshine City.

UNDER 18 CUP FINAL
Box Hill v. St. Kilda.

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	14	14	0	0	28
South Melbourne	14	10	1	4	21
Essendon	14	9	0	5	18
Brooklyn Hostel	14	9	0	5	18
Sunshine City	14	8	2	4	18
Broadmeadows Hostel	14	7	3	4	17
Williamstown Hostel	14	4	2	8	10
Preston Hostel	14	2	2	10	6

UNDER 14 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Trident	12	11	1	0	23
Sunshine City	12	10	0	2	20
Lions/Hayduk	13	7	1	5	15
Brooklyn Hostel	13	4	1	8	9
Maribyrnong Hostel	13	4	1	8	9

UNDER 14 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
St. Kilda	13	12	0	1	24
Brighton	13	9	0	4	18
Essendon	13	8	0	5	16
South Melbourne	13	7	0	6	14
Maccabi	13	2	0	11	4

UNDER 16 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	12	12	0	0	24
Essendon	12	10	1	1	21
Ajax	11	6	2	3	14
South Melbourne	12	5	3	4	13
Wesley College	11	4	2	5	10
South Yarra	12	4	2	6	10

UNDER 16 (SOUTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Dandenong City	12	11	0	1	22
Moorabbin City	12	10	1	1	21
Bayswater	12	6	2	4	14
Heidelberg	11	4	1	6	9
Preston T.S.O.B.	12	4	0	8	8
Croydon	11	3	0	8	6

UNDER 18.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	12	12	0	0	24
Box Hill	10	8	1	1	17
Coburg United	11	5	2	4	12
St. Kilda	12	6	3	3	15
Coburg United	12	5	2	5	12
Preston T.S.O.B.	11	3	2	6	8
Fairfield	11	3	1	7	7
Army Apprentices	11	2	2	7	6
Tullamarine United	4	0	0	4	0

MAIL-BAG

CHANGES URGED

Sir,

I am of the opinion that an amendment is urgently required in regard to the present procedure of promotions from the First Division Leagues to the State League and for that matter even from other divisions to higher ones. We all know that the Hungarian team, Melbourne, proved itself worthy of promotion; what we are not so sure of is whether the other team winning promotion from the other section is better than the runner-up to Melbourne. I feel that if in future the first two teams of both sections play a league between themselves, the truly best teams are more likely to be promoted.

Another fact that is also worth reviewing is the present grades we have in our leagues. I would like to see the State League again called the First Division, with the First Division renamed Second Division, and the Seconds, Thirds. The Provisional League should be wiped out altogether.

The most important suggestion that I would like to make is that every club in every section must field an Under Eighteen team. If this suggestion is taken seriously and club directors do not look for the "ifs" and "buts," Victoria will no longer depend on imported players and, further, more fantastic transfer fees will no longer be required. The cost of running an Under Eighteen team is less than half that of a good imported player.—Yours, etc.,

PAUL DEGUARA.
West Brunswick.

MALTA TIED WITH SCOTLAND IN WORLD CUP

The first quarter-finals of the Sunday League's World Cup series will be played on August 23, and the day's thriller should prove to be Malta v. Scotland.

Here is the programme:

1.30 p.m.: Australia v. Poland.
3.00 p.m.: Malta v. Scotland.

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Although Fairfield stand second-last in the Second Division North, their record of "goals against" is far better than 5 other clubs in the league. They think that their new goalie DIETER VOIGHT, who just arrived from Germany last week, will make it even tougher for opponents to hit the net.

BIG SCORES AT GEELONG

Macedonia beat Corio 6-1, Scottish swamped Olympia 11-0, and British beat D.S.G. 4-1. Here is how they stand now:

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Scottish S.C.	10	1	1	63	10	21
Macedonia .	9	1	2	58	13	19
British S.C.	9	0	3	44	23	18
Zagreb . .	8	0	4	55	12	16
D.S.G. I . .	7	0	5	29	30	14
Croatia . .	4	2	6	27	21	10
Corio I . . .	4	0	8	24	44	8
Olympia . .	4	0	8	18	53	8
Corio II . .	2	0	10	8	44	4
D.S.G. II .	2	0	10	6	71	4

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EUROPEAN CUP DRAW, 1960

The draw for the first round of the 1960 European Cup has been made.

Five clubs have drawn byes, including Real Madrid, Red Star Belgrade, and Sparta Rotterdam.

Here is the draw:

Nice (France) v. Shamrock Rovers (Eire).
Glosgow Rangers v. Anderlecht (Belgium).
Vorwaerts Berlin (East Germany) v. Wolverhampton.
Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) v. Kuopion (Finland).
Lindfield (Ulster) v. Bothenburg (Sweden).
Esch (Luxemburg v. Bytom or Lodz (Poland).
CDNA Sofia (Bulgaria) v. FC Barcelonia (Spain).
Wiener Sport Klub (Austria) v. Petrolul Ploesti (Rumania).
Red Star Bratislavia (Czechoslovakia v. Porto (Portugal).
Fenerbahce (Turkey) v. Csepel (Hungary).
Olympiakos (Greece) v. Milan (Italy).

Byes: Real Madrid, Sparta Rotterdam (Holland), Boldklub (Denmark), Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia).

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